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## SENATE BILL 1887 By Wilder

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-1-201 and Section 6-1-202, relative to municipal incorporation.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-1-201(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "one thousand five hundred (1,500)" and replacing it with "two hundred twenty-five (225)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-1-202, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and replacing it with the following:

(a) The county election commission shall hold an election for the purpose of determining whether or not this charter shall become effective for any municipality or newly incorporating territory upon the petition in writing of thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the registered voters of the municipality or territory. Petitioners shall attach a list of the names of all persons who at the time of making the list would be qualified voters in the proposed territory. The petition shall state in a sufficient manner the boundaries of the proposed municipal corporation, which may be done by a general reference to the boundaries then existing if there is one. Upon receipt of the petition the county election commission shall examine the petition to determine the validity of the signatures in accordance with Section 2-1-107. The county election commission shall have a period of twenty (20) days to certify whether or not the petition has the sufficient

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number of signatures of registered voters. If the petition is sufficient to call for an election on the issue of incorporation, the county election commission shall hold an election, providing options to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the incorporation of the new charter, not fewer than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the petition is certified. The date of the election shall be set in accordance with Section 2-3-204. The county election commission shall, in addition to all other notices required by law, publish one (1) notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory of the municipality or of the proposed municipality and post the notice in at least three (3) places in the territory.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall remain in effect for one (1) year beyond that date, when the statutory language existing immediately before this act took effect is revived and reenacted.

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